



JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Comments by the Chairman
- 9:05 a.m. Review of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of background memorandums regarding the committee's studies on court fines and fees, pretrial service programs, and expanding access to criminal record sealing
- 9:20 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Supreme Court regarding court fines and fees, rate of fees collected, money expended to collect fines and fees, and automation of criminal record sealing
- 10:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Lonnie Grabowska, Director, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, regarding fines and fees relating to the 24/7 seven sobriety program
- 10:50 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Donnell Preskey, Government and Public Relations Specialist, North Dakota Association of Counties, on behalf of North Dakota Sheriff's and Deputies Association, regarding fines and fees relating to the 24/7 sobriety program and impacts on county sheriffs' departments
- 11:10 a.m. Break
- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Travis Finck, Executive Director, North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, regarding the impacts of fines and fees on criminal defendants and an update regarding indigent defense services during the pretrial service process
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Tom Erhardt, Director, Parole and Probation, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, regarding court fines and fees relating to individuals under the supervision of the department and an update on the pretrial services program
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Trent Wangen, Assistant Jail Administrator, Burleigh Morton Detention Center, Major, Burleigh County Sheriff's Department, regarding the effect of pretrial services on admissions to county jails
- 2:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 2:15 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Senators: Janne Myrdal (Chairman), Ryan Braunberger, Jose L. Castaneda, Claire Cory, Dick Dever,
Diane Larson, Dean Rummel

Representatives: TJ Brown, Nels Christianson, Liz Conmy, Karla Rose Hanson, Lawrence R. Klemin,
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